

Call for Proposals BANGLADESH

Call Opens:	17 th May 2022
Deadline for Submissions:	19 th July 2022
Send Application package to:	WPHFapplications@unwomen.org

1. Objectives and Purpose of the Call for Proposals

The overall purpose of this Call for Proposals is to provide grants to local women and young women's civil society organizations in Bangladesh that **promote the socio-economic recovery, participation and leadership of women and young women in forced displacement** (e.g. refugees, internally displaced people, asylum seekers) in crisis and humanitarian contexts.

The Call for Proposals specifically contributes to **WPHF's Impact Area 6: Improved socio-economic recovery, participation and leadership of women and young women in forced displacement contexts**. It is aligned with the overall goal of contributing to peaceful and gender equal societies and UN Resolution 1325 on women, peace and security.

This Call for Proposals is part of the [Funding Window on Forced Displacement](#) that is managed by the [United Nations Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund \(WPHF\)](#) and linked to Germany's [Action Network on Forced Displacement](#). Please see Appendix 1 for more information about the United Nations Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund and the Action Network for Forced Displacement.

Suggested priority topics for projects are listed in Appendix 2.

2. Country Context Linked to the Call for Proposals

The district of Cox's Bazar has seen intermittent influxes of forcibly displaced Myanmar nationals for nearly three decades, driven by waves of persecution in their home country. In 2017, the military offensive in Rakhine state of Myanmar, targeting the Rohingya, escalated and the violence forced them to flee across the border that resulted into the largest influx of forcibly displaced people to Bangladesh. Over 726,000 Rohingya¹ crossed over to the sub-districts of Ukhiya and Teknaf of Cox's Bazar. As of 31st January 2022, about 920,994 Rohingya currently live in these two sub-districts, forming a pseudo-economy embedded within the pre-existing local economy that is almost entirely sustained by external humanitarian assistance. Rohingya that fled to Bangladesh arrived in desperate conditions – the majority are traumatized by the loss of their families and communities, lost their assets and livelihoods, and are physically and mentally devastated.

Despite the welcome that was extended to the Rohingyas, Cox's Bazar is one of Bangladesh's poorest and most vulnerable districts, with malnutrition and food insecurity at crisis levels and poverty already well above Bangladesh's national average. Basic services that were available to host community members and refugees have been severely strained, prices have increased, wages for day laborers have decreased, and natural resources such as water and forests have been severely depleted. Tensions between refugees and

¹ ISCG Situation Report: Rohingya Refugee Crisis, Cox's Bazar | 7 December 2017

the host community are also rising². The crisis, now in its fifth year, has begun to assume a protracted and more stable nature but displaced people remain highly vulnerable. The COVID-19 pandemic also triggered a dual humanitarian crisis in Cox's Bazar, in which lockdowns disrupted regular income and livelihood opportunities in host and Rohingya communities.

Approximately 53% of the Rohingya refugee population are women and girls³. The poorest and most marginalized women and girls as well as diverse gender groups have been disproportionately affected by the gendered impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic. The challenges faced by them include accessing information and health services, education, WASH, protection, gender-based violence (GBV) services, and livelihoods support⁴. Lack of access to basic services and livelihood opportunities for displaced women and girls are putting them at high risk of GBV. Many women who have reached Cox's Bazar have reported systematic rape and sexual violence by Myanmar forces and based on interviews with community leaders and refugees, women and girls in the Balukhali makeshift settlements in Cox's Bazar are either survivors or witnesses of multiple incidences of sexual assault, rape, and murder through mutilation or burning of a close family member or neighbor in Myanmar⁵. Women, particularly adolescent girls, are also at heightened risk of becoming victims of human trafficking, sexual abuse and exploitation or child and forced marriage for these reasons.

Gender segregation is generally common amongst the Rohingya and closely connected to the practice of purdah. Women and girls that have reached puberty are generally expected to stay at home and be close to their family whereas men and boys are more present in the public sphere⁶. This restriction on their mobility is limiting their access to life-saving assistance, services, and information⁷. In terms of Rohingya women's participation in public and private life, adult men of the family are generally the main decision makers both before and after the crisis in Rakhine and in camps in Bangladesh. However, recently more Rohingya women are participating in decision making processes in camps and engaging more with their communities as leaders and mediators.

3. Scope (Location and Duration)

The WPHF will fund qualifying projects in Bangladesh with a geographical focus in: Cox's Bazar (Teknaf, Ukhiya and Cox's Bazar Sadar sub-districts). Projects outside the geographical focus will NOT be accepted.

CSOs can apply for a maximum project duration of 2 years.

4. Eligibility

4.1. Who can apply and receive funding?

National, regional or local/grassroots women or young women-led, women's rights, youth-focused, feminist, or civil society organizations with a proven track record of working with displaced women and young women are eligible to apply. Organizations led by displaced persons are encouraged to apply.

Women's Rights or Feminist Organization: The organization's official mission/vision statement must reflect its commitment to addressing multiple/intersecting forms of discrimination and advancing gender equality and
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² UNDP and UN Women, Social Impact Assessment of the Rohingya Refugee Crisis into Bangladesh: Key Findings and Recommendations (6th December 2017)

³ <https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/bangladesh/document/rrrc-unhcr-family-counting-dashboard-30-october-2017>

⁴ COVID-19 Rapid Gender Analysis, May 2020, <https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/bangladesh/document/rapid-gender-analysis-shadows-pandemic-gendered-impact-covid-19>

⁵ Care International Rapid Gender Analysis (2017)

⁶ "Social and cultural factors shaping health and nutrition, wellbeing and Rohingya within a humanitarian context" (October 2017). Social Science in Humanitarian Action.

⁷ ISCG Situation Report: Rohingya Refugee Crisis, Cox's Bazar | 29 October 2017

women's rights. The organization must aim to address the underlying drivers/systems/structures, including patriarchy and gendered power dynamics, and work to transform these.

Women-Led Organization: must be headed by a woman as an executive director/head of organization.

Youth-focused Organization: To be considered "youth-focused", the organization's core mission/vision must focus on supporting the socio-economic recovery, participation and leadership of young women and young men and addressing multiple/ intersecting forms of discrimination against young women and men. WPHF will provide specific attention to youth-focused organizations supporting young women, advancing gender equality and peacebuilding.

Young Women-Led Organization: must be headed by a young person aged between 18 - 29 years old who serves as director/head of organization

The following are **NOT** eligible to apply for a grant from the WPHF:

- International non-governmental organizations;
- Government agencies or institutions;
- UN agencies or UN country teams;
- Private individuals;
- Private sector entities;
- Universities, think tanks, education or research institutions

4.2. Do we need to be legally registered as an organization in our country to apply?

YES, for the lead applicant. The lead applicant organization must have legal status with the competent national authority in the eligible country of project implementation and must submit a proof of legal registration with the application package. Note that articles of incorporation are not proof of legal status.

NO for co-implementing or consortium partners. Co-implementing partners are not required to provide legal registration, only the lead applicant organization.

4.3. Can we apply in partnership or consortium with other organizations?

YES. Joint projects with other local women's rights, youth-focused organizations, women or young women-led civil society organizations are encouraged. For joint projects, only the lead organization is required to meet the eligibility criteria. For joint projects, the roles and responsibilities of each organization must be clearly detailed within the application template.

4.4. May we apply for funding for an ongoing or existing initiative or project?

YES. The WPHF accepts proposals for ongoing projects funded by other donors. However, the specific value added of the contribution should be clearly outlined.

4.5. Does my organization have to contribute to the project budget?

NO. Civil society organizations are not required to contribute to the budget.

5. Type of Funding and Requirements

Under this Call for Proposals, WPHF is accepting applications for both institutional/core funding and programmatic funding.

An organization (lead applicant or co-implementing partners) can submit one application for institutional funding AND/OR one application for programmatic funding. Organizations who apply for both, institutional and programmatic funding, need to submit two separate applications packages based on the related templates of each stream as noted in Section 7.

Institutional Funding: Stream 1 (USD \$2,500 - \$30,000)

Aims to reinforce the institutional capacity of local women's rights and/or women-led organizations that have a specific focus on women and young women in forced displacement in their mission, that have project activities that are led by women and young women who are forcibly displaced and/or that have displaced women and young women as staff members. Applicants will need to demonstrate how the current context affects their institutional and financial capacities and how the funding would support them as an organization. It will finance a limited range of activities to support the development or strengthening of a CSOs' institutional capacity. The purpose of this funding stream IS NOT to finance programmatic activities.

AND/OR apply for:

Programmatic Funding: Stream 2 (USD \$30,000 - \$200,000)

This funding stream will finance projects which aim specifically to fund programmatic activities that promote the socio-economic recovery, participation and leadership of women and young women in forced displacement, aligned with **WPHF's Impact Area 6: Improved socio-economic recovery, participation and leadership of women and young women in forced displacement contexts.**

Please read through the WPHF Indicator Tip Sheets for guidance on the result framework (Section 9 below) and required indicators in the attached proposal templates.

6. Application Package and Procedures

Applicants are required to use only the WPHF templates provided. DO NOT submit photos or additional documents other than the ones listed.

- WPHF Proposal Template (attached, no more than 10 pages, excluding Annex A and B)
- Results Framework (Proposal Template Annex: A)
- Project Budget (Proposal Template Annex: B)

AND

- Proof of valid legal registration or status of the lead organization (if you are in the process for renewal, please share proof)

Submission: Application packages should be emailed to WPHFapplications@unwomen.org with subject title "WPHF Call for Proposals Bangladesh" by 19 July 2022 at 11:59pm (EST, New York).

Please Note:

- Applications can be submitted in English. Only applications in this language will be accepted.
- Applications can be submitted in .doc, .docx, or .pdf format.
- Legal registration certificates can be submitted in jpeg, doc., docx., or pdf format.
- All documents should be submitted together as one package.
- You may not make changes to your application after it is submitted.
- Incomplete applications, or use of different templates will not be considered.
- Please DO NOT resend your application.

7. Obtaining More Information about the Call for Proposals

An information session will be organized with prospective applicants on 21st June 2022 (online or in person). To register, please email nusrat.jahir@unwomen.org by 13th June 2022.

Prospective partners with additional questions about this CfP can email the UN Women Country office at nusrat.jahir@unwomen.org no later than 28th June 2022. Please allow a minimum of 48 hours for responses to any questions.

8. Evaluation Criteria

As you write your proposal, keep in mind that proposals will be evaluated against the following criteria:

Institutional Funding Evaluation Criteria (Stream 1)	Programmatic Funding Evaluation Criteria (Stream 2)
<p>Project Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Alignment with the WPHF’s theory of change, particularly with respect to institutional capacity building. <input type="checkbox"/> Clear articulation of experience of organization and rationale how the current crisis affects their institutional and financial capacities. The organization must demonstrate a specific focus on women and young women in forced displacement in their mission, have project activities that are led by women and young women who are forcibly displaced and/or have displaced women and young women as staff members. <input type="checkbox"/> Definition of clear objectives and expected results and outputs focused on strengthening CSOs institutional capacity and how the organization will be sustained <input type="checkbox"/> Identification of risks and appropriate mitigation measures 	<p>Project Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Alignment with the WPHF’s theory of change, particularly with respect to a specific impact in its results framework. <input type="checkbox"/> Definition of clear objectives, results, and outputs, taking account of best practices of gender-responsive approaches. Displaced women and young women must be the main beneficiaries of project activities. <input type="checkbox"/> Ensuring meaningful participation of groups facing multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination, such as those marginalized and excluded due to poverty, ethnicity, disability, age, geography, migratory status, among others which are in clear alignment with Agenda 2030 of leaving no one behind. <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership and/or capacity development of local women’s organizations to deliver programme results. Joint projects are strongly encouraged. <input type="checkbox"/> Complementarity with other funds and programmes.
<p>Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Budget is consistent across all documents and detailed per output in the result framework <input type="checkbox"/> The budget includes indirect operational costs at the allowed level (no more than 7%) <input type="checkbox"/> The budget is sufficient and reasonable for the activities proposed and takes the scale of problems into account 	<p>Programme Management and Monitoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Identification of comprehensive risks and appropriate mitigation measures <input type="checkbox"/> Realistic activity schedule and implementation strategy to achieve objectives within the time frame. <input type="checkbox"/> Identification of relevant and appropriate monitoring and evaluation approaches based on the results framework and indicators <p>Sustainability and National Ownership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Promotion of national and local ownership in developing and establishing activities, and specific objectives to build the capacities of national and local players. <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability of the programme beyond the financing period and (where applicable), how to reproduce it and improve it over time. <p>Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Budget is consistent across all documents and detailed per output in the result framework <input type="checkbox"/> The budget includes indirect operational costs at the allowed level (no more than 7%) <input type="checkbox"/> The budget is sufficient and reasonable for the activities proposed and takes the scale of problems into account

9. Useful Resources

- The [website of the United Nations Women’s Peace and Humanitarian Fund \(WPHF\)](#)
- The [website of Germany’s Action Network on Forced Displacement](#)
- [Indicator Tip Sheet \(Impact Area 1: Institutional Funding\)](#)
- [Indicator Tip Sheet \(Impact Area 6: Programmatic Funding\)](#)
- [Results Based Management Capacity Building Webinar](#)

- The Women’s Peace and Humanitarian Fund’s [Operations Manual](#)
- M&E and Results Based Management Terms. The OECD/DAC Glossary of Key Terms in evaluation is available in English, French and Spanish: <http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/29/21/2754804.pdf>

Appendix 1: About the United Nations Women Peace and Humanitarian Fund (WPHF) and the Action Network on Forced Displacement

About the United Nations Women’s Peace and Humanitarian Fund (WPHF)

The [United Nations Women’s Peace and Humanitarian Fund \(WPHF\)](#) is a global, rapid and flexible financing mechanism for local civil society organizations. It aims to stimulate a significant increase in financing for women’s participation, leadership, and empowerment in peace and security processes and humanitarian response.

It supports quality interventions designed to enhance the capacity of local women to prevent conflict, respond to crises and emergencies, and seize key peacebuilding opportunities. The overall goal of the WPHF’s theory of change is to contribute to peaceful and gender equal societies. Achievement of this goal will require that women are empowered to participate in, contribute to, and benefit from conflict prevention, crisis response, peacebuilding, and recovery. Since its launch in 2016, WPHF has been supporting over 450 civil society organizations and is present in 26 countries or group of countries.

The WPHF is governed by a Funding Board at the global level, which is comprised of four UN entities (currently UN Women, UNHCR, UNFPA and PBSO), four donor Member States (currently Norway, Germany, Sweden and Australia), as well as 4 Civil Society Organizations (currently Feminist Humanitarian Network, Kvinna till Kvinna, Action Aid and Women’s Refugee Commission).

At the country level, the final selection of shortlisted proposals will be undertaken by a National Steering Committee, which is comprised of UN agencies, civil society organizations, donor representatives and governments.

About the Action Network on Forced Displacement

The [Action Network on Forced Displacement – Women as Agents of Change](#) was established in October 2020 by Germany’s Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). It aims to increase the visibility of women and girls by giving them a voice as actors in situations of forced displacement and strengthening their rights as well as their economic and social participation. The Action Network brings together women and girls as well as men and boys who are actively engaged with displaced women and girls. This includes decision-makers from political, economic and social spheres, activists, and displaced women and girls themselves who are implementing projects in crisis and conflict settings. The Action Network aims to identify effective good practices for strengthening women’s leadership and economic participation and improving psychosocial health of displaced women and girls. Members of the Action Network convene regularly to discuss good practices and develop recommendations for policymakers, civil society and local actors to inform policy processes. This Call for Proposals is linked to the Action Network and civil society partners selected under this Call will be invited to participate in relevant network activities as well as a mentorship programme with members of the network.

Appendix 2: Suggested priority topics for projects under the programmatic funding stream

This list of suggested topics for projects is based on priorities identified by the members of the [Action Network on Forced Displacement](#). The list is non-exhaustive, and grantees are encouraged to make additional suggestions that are in line with the objectives of this Call for Proposals.

Themes	Suggestions from the Action Network
Women and young women's leadership and participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Support displaced women and young women's access to local government and local power structures <input type="checkbox"/> Hold government accountable to promote gender equality and the rights of displaced women and girls in their legal and policy frameworks <input type="checkbox"/> Facilitate leadership trainings for displaced women and girls <input type="checkbox"/> Address the lack of security for women activists, local organizations and advocates working on forced displacement <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure women's access to justice incl. access to legal services and advice and promote a gender lens in justice processes
Women and young women's socio-economic empowerment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Facilitate displaced women and young women's access to financial services, banking services and credit <input type="checkbox"/> Support displaced women's and young women's access to economic resources and jobs <input type="checkbox"/> Provide displaced women and young women that have business projects with counseling <input type="checkbox"/> Secure displaced women's and young women's economic rights <input type="checkbox"/> Support displaced women's, young women and girls' access to vocational training in their host communities and in refugee or IDP camps or settlements <input type="checkbox"/> Promote displaced women's and young women's entrepreneurship and business development through access to digital devices and tools as well as access to the internet <input type="checkbox"/> Increasing job security of displaced women and young women experiencing conflicts and new threats (such as COVID-19) <input type="checkbox"/> Prevent abuse, exploitation and human trafficking of displaced women and young women through socio-economic empowerment measures
Women's and young women's networking, experiences sharing, and integration in host communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Promote the integration and networking of displaced women and young women in their host communities <input type="checkbox"/> Promote changes in social norms of displaced women, young women and girls as well as of host communities – e.g. by promoting empathy and support through shared success stories. <input type="checkbox"/> Promote displaced women's, young women's and girls' experience-sharing and social cohesion as a group and with host communities <input type="checkbox"/> Make voices and stories of displaced women, young women and girls as well as host communities heard <input type="checkbox"/> Help grassroots initiatives working with displaced women, young women and girls establish partnerships between each other as well as with international women's organizations